India.The permission for the admission of 2nd batch of students during 2002-03 at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, New Delhi has not been arranged so far for want of verification of infrastructure, teaching and other facilities. The question of recognition of the college will arise only when the first batch admitted in the college will appear for final year examination.

Upgradation of PHCs in A.P.

1932. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for its approval to seek financial and technical assistance from Germany for upgrading Primary Health Care in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when such a proposal was received in his Ministry; and

(c) the action contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No proposal has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial and technical assistance from Germany for upgradation of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Andhra Pradesh.

Study on Blood Quality

1933. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned, "Your blood won't do: Rotary tells rickshaw pullers", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 15th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether any study on blood quality has been conducted by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, on what basis poor people are branded as risk group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rotary Blood Bank authorities have stated that they do not refuse to draw blood from poor people or rickshaw pullers. The point that was made in their brochure was that the poor should not be exploited for donation of their blood in exchange for paltry sums of money.

(c) and (d) Only if the blood sample meets certain minimum standards in terms of haemoglobin and absence of transfusion transmitted infection etc., it is accepted for transfusion. This ensures quality.

(e) Poor people are not branded as a risk group for donating blood.

Herbal Contraceptive Cream

†1934. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to include the herbal contraceptive cream, produced by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Lucknow into Family Welfare Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. there is no such proposal to include the herbal contraceptive cream, produced by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Lucknow into Family Welfare Programme.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.